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1. On 12 December 1953, the barracks installation at Straussee was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 5 and 12 December, an undetermined number of troops engaged in field exercises. Truck was identified. In late November, source observed that a field bakery, a slaughter house and several one-story wooden buildings were being constructed. Two to 3 prime movers towing AA guns almost daily left the installation toward the wooded area south of Strausberg. Source believed that troops were detached to attend courses in Strausberg.
2. On 7 December, the Landesjugendheim was occupied by only a guard detail. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. All guns had been taken out of the gymnasium. The quarters opposite the main entrance on Wriezener Strasse, which previously had been occupied by about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, had also been vacated. Truck 25X1B
3. On 7 December, the barracks installation at Straussee was occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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Comment. According to strength figures, it is believed that the barracks installation at Straussee, in mid-December, was occupied by only the cadre personnel of the NCO courses held there: The information does not indicate a transfer to the barracks installation at Straussee of the artillery officer school which, according to another source, vacated the Landesjugendheim in late October and allegedly moved there.

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